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Congress of the United States

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Epa R. Administrator
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Dear Acting Regional Administrator, Ed Chu,

I am writing to follow up on the work of EPA Region 5 as it relates to investigations into Greif Inc. and its barrell Refurbishing operations in Milwaukee and St. Francis, Wisconsin.

I want to commend the efforts to date of the EPA and in particular Region 5 staff, to ensuring the health and safety of my communities. Once again, thank you for joining me in the 4th Congressional District to hear from local residents. During our meeting, I was pleased when EPA Region 5 agreed to work with constituents to create a viable community reporting tool to document odor events that doesn't rely on local resources.

Many of my constituents expressed concerns that the local officials lack the resources to collect data in a timely manner. As you are aware, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Control has declined to make a public health impact determination due to a lack of data. Therefore, this issue remains a major concern for our communities

Of particular concern to me is the health and safety of children at nearby schools. In close proximity in the City of St. Francis is Willow Glen Elementary School. In Milwaukee, Rufus King IB High School as well as several other schools operate in the adjacent neighborhoods. As you know, even low levels of pollutants can have an adverse impact on children.

I am requesting that the EPA and all relevant agencies work toward establishing long term air quality monitoring solutions in both Milwaukee and St. Francis. I look forward to continuing to work with EPA Region 5 on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

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CC: Mark Johnson, Regional Director ATSDR